

**Amanda J Schoch**

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**From:** Hosenball, Mark J. (Reuters) <(b) (6)>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 12, 2018 7:57 PM  
**To:** Amanda J Schoch  
**Subject:** Saudis

See below. Does this sound right to you ? Certainly appears plausible. Guidance welcome. Tks & rgds mh

'Tell Your Boss': Recording Is Seen to Link Saudi Crown Prince More Strongly to Khashoggi Killing  
By Julian E. Barnes, Eric Schmitt and David D. Kirkpatrick

Nov. 12, 2018

<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/11/12/world/middleeast/jamal-khashoggi-killing-saudi-arabia.html>

WASHINGTON — Shortly after the journalist Jamal Khashoggi was killed last month at the Saudi Consulate in Istanbul, a member of the kill team instructed a superior over the phone to “tell your boss,” believed to be Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, that the operatives had carried out their mission, according to three people familiar with a recording of Mr. Khashoggi’s killing collected by Turkish intelligence.

The recording, shared last month with the C.I.A. director, Gina Haspel, is seen by intelligence officials as some of the strongest evidence linking Prince Mohammed to the killing of Mr. Khashoggi, a Virginia resident and Washington Post columnist whose death prompted an international outcry.

While the prince was not mentioned by name, American intelligence officials believe “your boss” was a reference to Prince Mohammed. Maher Abdulaziz Mutreb, one of 15 Saudis dispatched to Istanbul to confront Mr. Khashoggi, made the phone call and spoke in Arabic, the people said.

Turkish intelligence officers have told American officials they believe that Mr. Mutreb, a security officer who frequently traveled with Prince Mohammed, was speaking to one of the prince’s aides. While translations of the Arabic may differ, the people briefed on the call said Mr. Mutreb also said to the aide words to the effect of “the deed was done.”

“A phone call like that is about as close to a smoking gun as you are going to get,” said Bruce O. Riedel, a former C.I.A. officer now at the Brookings Institution. “It is pretty incriminating evidence.”

Turkish officials have said that the audio does not conclusively implicate Prince Mohammed, and American intelligence and other government officials have cautioned that however compelling the recording may be, it is still not irrefutable evidence of his involvement in the death of Mr. Khashoggi.

Even if Mr. Mutreb believed the killing was ordered by the crown prince, for example, he may have had an inaccurate understanding of the origins of the order. Prince Mohammed is not specifically named on the recording, and intelligence officials do not have ironclad certainty that Mr. Mutreb was referring to him.

In a statement on Monday, Saudi officials denied that the crown prince “had any knowledge whatsoever” of Mr. Khashoggi’s killing. Referring to Mr. Mutreb’s instructions to “tell your boss,” the Saudi statement said that Turkey had “allowed our intelligence services to hear recordings, and at no moment was there any reference to the mentioned phrase in the such recordings.”

The Turks may possess multiple recordings, including surveillance of telephone calls, and the Turkish authorities may have shared the audio only selectively.

A C.I.A. spokesman declined to comment.

The call was part of a recording that Turkish officials played for Ms. Haspel during her visit in October to Ankara, Turkey's capital, but they did not allow her to bring it back to the United States. On Saturday, President Recep Tayyip Erdogan of Turkey announced that his government had shared the audio with Saudi Arabia, the United States and other Western allies.

But while Turkish officials have played the recording for American and other intelligence agencies and provided transcripts, the Turks have not handed over the recording for independent analysis, according to Turkish officials.

Turkey shared evidence from the case with "a large number of friendly nations," a spokesman for Mr. Erdogan, Fahrettin Altun, said on Monday. Reacting to French criticism of Turkey's handling of the case, Mr. Altun said that the Turkish government had played an audio recording for French intelligence officials and given them transcripts.

"Let us not forget that this case would have been already covered up had it not been for Turkey's determined efforts," Mr. Altun said.

The growing evidence that Prince Mohammed was involved in the killing of Mr. Khashoggi is certain to intensify pressure on the White House, which appeared intent on relying on a lack of concrete proof of his involvement to preserve its relationship with the crown prince. Prince Mohammed has fostered a close relationship with the president's son-in-law and senior adviser, Jared Kushner, and the Trump administration has turned Saudi Arabia into Washington's most crucial Arab partner.

Some Trump advisers have argued that they would need indisputable evidence of Prince Mohammed's involvement in Mr. Khashoggi's killing before they would punish him or the kingdom more harshly. Turkish officials have said the recording contains evidence of a premeditated killing, in which Saudi agents quickly strangled Mr. Khashoggi and methodically dismembered his body with a bone saw.

The administration, according to current and former officials, is hoping that making some modest moves on sanctions and curtailing support for the Saudi war effort in Yemen will satisfy critics, including those on Capitol Hill.

But the shift in power in Congress, where Democrats take control of the House in January, is also increasing pressure on the administration to take more punitive action. The C.I.A. and other intelligence officials were set to brief Congress this week, and congressional leaders will press Ms. Haspel for her assessment of Prince Mohammed's culpability.

Mr. Trump himself has suggested more information would be coming out. "I'll have a much stronger opinion on that subject over the next week," he told reporters on Wednesday at the White House. "I am forming a very strong opinion."

Signs of a hardening stance within the administration are emerging. The State Department issued a tough statement on Sunday saying that Secretary of State Mike Pompeo had told Prince Mohammed in a phone call that "the United States will hold all of those involved in the killing of Jamal Khashoggi accountable."

Saudi officials planned to release their own inquiry in the coming days, but Turkey's revelation that they and Western officials also have the transcripts of the recordings could force the Saudis to scramble before any presentation they planned to make.

Even without definitive proof, intelligence agencies had already concluded that only Prince Mohammed could have ordered the operation to kill Mr. Khashoggi, given the personal character of his governance and the depth of his control over the kingdom. Evidence from the tape also showed that Mr. Khashoggi was killed soon after he entered the room of the Saudi Consulate in Istanbul where the security team was waiting for him, further proof that the killing was planned, according to people briefed on the intelligence.

Current and former intelligence officials insisted that it is rare that all of the pieces of a complex puzzle like Mr. Khashoggi's killing would ever be available. Intelligence, according to a former official, simply does not work like a spy thriller or television cop show where a case turns on a crystal-clear recording.

Investigators were unlikely to collect a piece of evidence that incontrovertibly links the crown prince to the killing, said Representative Adam B. Schiff, Democrat of California, who is set to lead the House Intelligence Committee next year.

"You are not going to have any of the people who carried out the murder speak openly about who they got their orders from or who is in the loop on it," Mr. Schiff said in an interview. "That is not realistic to expect."

The absence of direct evidence does not prevent the intelligence community from laying responsibility at Prince Mohammed's feet. An intelligence assessment includes an agency's best judgment on what happened based on the available facts and experience of officials.

Mr. Schiff promised that when he takes charge of the Intelligence Committee, he will investigate Mr. Khashoggi's killing and examine Saudi Arabia's actions more broadly in the Middle East, including its military campaign in Yemen, which has prompted a humanitarian crisis.

"We need to do our own due diligence, we need to make sure we are getting good intelligence, and we need to make sure the administration doesn't misrepresent to the country what foreign actors are doing," Mr. Schiff said.

Nonetheless, current and former officials said they do not expect Mr. Trump to drop his support for Prince Mohammed.

"The Trump family and the president have built up such an overwhelming reliance on the crown prince that the relationship is now, in their view, too big to fail," Mr. Schiff said.

Policymakers — not Ms. Haspel or Dan Coats, the director of national intelligence — will decide what sort of relationship to have with Prince Mohammed and what punishment Saudi Arabia should face for Mr. Khashoggi's killing, current and former officials said.

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**From:** (b)(3)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 13, 2018 2:03 PM  
**To:** Amanda J Schoch; (b)(3)  
**Subject:** RE: CBS checking in

Was just simply giving you the chance to weigh in, nothing more.

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**From:** Amanda J Schoch  
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**Subject:** RE: CBS checking in

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-----Original Message-----

**From:** (b)(3)  
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**To:** (b)(3) @dni.gov>; Amanda J Schoch <(b)(3) @dni.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: CBS checking in

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**From:** (b)(3)  
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**Subject:** FW: CBS checking in

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-----Original Message-----

**From:** Andrzejczak Gazis, Olivia <(b) (6)>

Sent: Tuesday, November 13, 2018 8:11 AM

To: DNI-Media <DNI-Media@dni.gov>; (b)(3) @dni.gov>  
Subject: CBS checking in

Hello,

We have also reached out to NSC and CIA, but are interested to know whether ODNI, including DNI Coats/DCIA Haspel, have, based on audio supplied by Turkey, offered any final assessment regarding a potential link (or lack thereof) between MBS and Khashoggi's killing, as recently suggested by Amb Bolton.

Would appreciate a call if possible - (b) (6)

Thanks as always

Olivia

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**From:** (b)(3)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 13, 2018 10:43 AM  
**To:** 'Andrzejczak Gazis, Olivia'  
**Cc:** DNI-Media  
**Subject:** RE: CBS checking in

Good morning Olivia,

We do not have anything to offer on this, but thanks so much for reaching out.

Best,

Jen

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**From:** Hosenball, Mark J. (Reuters) <(b) (6)  
**Sent:** Friday, November 16, 2018 6:38 PM  
**To:** (b)(3) DNI-Media; Amanda J Schoch  
**Subject:** CIA concludes Saudi crown prince ordered Jamal Kha...

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/national-security/cia-concludes-saudi-crown-prince-ordered-jamal-khashoggis-assassination/2018/11/16/98c89fe6-e9b2-11e8-a939-9469f1166f9d\\_story.html](https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/national-security/cia-concludes-saudi-crown-prince-ordered-jamal-khashoggis-assassination/2018/11/16/98c89fe6-e9b2-11e8-a939-9469f1166f9d_story.html)

Welcome any comment or guidance you have on this. Tks mh

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**From:** (b)(3)  
**Sent:** Monday, November 19, 2018 9:27 AM  
**To:** 'Andrzejczak Gazis, Olivia'  
**Cc:** DNI-Media  
**Subject:** RE: CBS clarification request

Hi Olivia,

Appreciate you checking in and sorry for the delayed response. The ODNI politely declines to comment at this time.

Best,  
Kellie

**Kellie Wade**  
Media Relations Officer, *Strategic Communications*  
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**From:** Andrzejczak Gazis, Olivia <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 18, 2018 4:34 PM  
**To:** (b)(3) @dni.gov>  
**Cc:** DNI-Media <DNI-Media@dni.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: CBS clarification request

Hello – respectfully checking in on this.

**From:** Andrzejczak Gazis, Olivia  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 18, 2018 12:57 PM  
**To:** Kellie Wade ((b)(3) @dni.gov) <(b)(3) @dni.gov>  
**Cc:** dni-media@dni.gov  
**Subject:** CBS clarification request

Hello and apologies for the weekend check-in. Can someone please offer guidance on the President's remarks regarding a "full report" forthcoming on the Khashoggi matter on Monday or Tuesday? Is that an ODNI deliverable, or something we should be expecting to come from State, or elsewhere?

Appreciate anything you can provide. Am at (b)(6) if easier.

Thank you,  
Olivia

Olivia Gazis  
CBS News  
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**From:** (b)(3)  
**Sent:** Monday, November 19, 2018 9:24 AM  
**To:** Amanda J Schoch; (b)(3)  
**Subject:** RE: CBS clarification request

This is still an absolute "no comment" at this point.

**Kellie Wade**  
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**From:** Amanda J Schoch  
**Sent:** Monday, November 19, 2018 8:19 AM  
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**Subject:** RE: CBS clarification request

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**From:** (b)(3)  
**Sent:** Monday, November 19, 2018 7:38 AM  
**To:** (b)(3) @dni.gov>; Amanda J Schoch <(b)(3) @dni.gov>  
**Subject:** FW: CBS clarification request

Good morning,

I do not know how to respond to this question. (b) (5)



I am happy to respond but need some guidance.

thanks

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**Cc:** DNI-Media <DNI-Media@dni.gov>  
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Olivia

**Olivia Gazis**  
CBS News  
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**From:** (b)(3)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 20, 2018 9:26 AM  
**To:** 'Marquardt, Alex'  
**Cc:** DNI-Media  
**Subject:** RE: CNN Q

I'm sorry but there's nothing I can offer at this time. Appreciate you reaching out.

Best,  
Kellie

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**From:** Marquardt, Alex (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 20, 2018 9:18 AM  
**To:** (b)(3) @dni.gov  
**Cc:** DNI-Media <DNI-Media@dni.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: CNN Q

Ok - but could  
You clarify whether the report will just be CIA or Intel community overall?

Alexander Marquardt  
CNN Senior National Correspondent  
(b) (6) | @MarquardtA

On Nov 20, 2018, at 08:42, (b)(3) @dni.gov> wrote:

Hey Alex,

Sorry for the delayed response. The ODNI politely declines comment at this time.

Best,  
Kellie

Kellie Wade  
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**From:** Marquardt, Alex (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Monday, November 19, 2018 2:55 PM

**To:** DNI-Media <[DNI-Media@dni.gov](mailto:DNI-Media@dni.gov)>

**Subject:** CNN Q

Hi there,

Wanted to see if DNI Coats and/or Sue Gordon will be at the president's briefing tomorrow on the Khashoggi report? And anything else you can share about the briefers/attendees?

Thanks

Alex Marquardt

CNN

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**From:** (b)(3)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 10, 2018 9:18 AM  
**To:** 'Katrina Manson'; DNI-Media  
**Subject:** RE: urgent FT q re US intelligence and plan to capture Jamal Khashoggi

Good morning Katrina,

ODNI does not have anything to offer on this.

Respectfully,

Charles A. Carithers  
Media Relations  
ODNI

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-----Original Message-----

**From:** Katrina Manson <(b) (6)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 10, 2018 8:50 AM  
**To:** (b)(3) @dni.gov>; DNI-Media <DNI-Media@dni.gov>  
**Subject:** urgent FT q re US intelligence and plan to capture Jamal Khashoggi

Dear Charles and team,

Greetings.

May I check the Washington Post's report, which says that US intelligence intercepted communications of Saudi officials discussing a plan to capture Jamal Khashoggi before his disappearance.

It says US intelligence discovered the Saudis wanted to lure Khashoggi back to Saudi Arabia and lay hands on him there. It says US Intelligence was not clear whether the Saudis intended to arrest and interrogate Khashoggi or to kill him, or if the United States warned Khashoggi that he was a target.

Did US intelligence come across discussions to capture Khashoggi?

Did the US warn Khashoggi he was a target based on this information?

Can you help with any further comment?

Many thanks,

Katrina

Katrina Manson

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**From:** (b)(3)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 10, 2018 2:58 PM  
**To:** (b)(3)  
**Cc:** (b)(3) (b)(3) DNI-Media  
**Subject:** FW: Comment on Jamal Khashoggi and US intelligence

Hi (b)(3),

I wanted to pass along this query we received from Shane Harris with the Washington Post asking if ICD 191 was still active.

Respectfully,

Charles A. Carithers  
Media Relations  
Office of the Director of National Intelligence

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**From:** Harris, Shane <(b) (6)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 10, 2018 1:57 PM  
**To:** (b)(3)@dni.gov  
**Cc:** DNI-Media <DNI-Media@dni.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Comment on Jamal Khashoggi and US intelligence

Thanks for the quick reply. Just for my awareness, and not quoting you, is that IC directive on duty to warn still operative? Has it been canceled or superseded by other guidance?

Best,

Shane

Shane Harris  
Staff Writer, The Washington Post  
Intelligence and National Security  
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Twitter: @shaneharris

**From:** (b)(3)@dni.gov  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 10, 2018 1:53 PM  
**To:** Harris, Shane

Cc: DNI-Media

Subject: RE: Comment on Jamal Khashoggi and US intelligence

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Hi Shane,

We have nothing to offer on this.

Respectfully,

Charles A. Carithers  
Media Relations  
Office of the Director of National Intelligence

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From: Harris, Shane <(b) (6) [REDACTED]>  
Sent: Wednesday, October 10, 2018 1:50 PM  
To: DNI-Media <[DNI-Media@dni.gov](mailto:DNI-Media@dni.gov)>  
Subject: Comment on Jamal Khashoggi and US intelligence

Good afternoon, all. I'm working on a story for publication today about the disappearance of Jamal Khashoggi and what the US government may have known about threats to him. The story will report, citing knowledgeable US officials, that the US had intelligence indicating that the Saudi government intended to capture Jamal Khashoggi, initially by trying to lure him back to Saudi Arabia, and that the plan to capture him was put in place by the highest levels of the Saudi government.

Is there any comment or guidance ODNI can offer on this matter?

Also, can you tell me if any component of the IC warned Khashoggi that he was in danger? I take as guidance in this case IC Directive 191 on the "duty to warn," which states, in part, " An IC element that collects or acquires credible and specific information indicating an impending threat of intentional killing, serious bodily injury, or kidnapping directed at a person or group of people (hereafter referred to as intended victim) shall have a duty to warn the intended victim or those responsible for protecting the intended victim, as appropriate."

Thanks for your help. Feel free to call me if that's easier. I'm at (b) (6) [REDACTED]

Shane

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**From:** Akbar Shahid Ahmed (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 10, 2018 3:39 PM  
**To:** (b)(3)  
**Cc:** DNI-Media  
**Subject:** Re: HuffPost query: Khashoggi

Thank for letting me know, Charles.

Regards,  
Akbar

On Wed, Oct 10, 2018 at 10:37 AM (b)(3) <[@dni.gov](mailto:@dni.gov)> wrote:

Hi Akbar,

We have nothing to offer on this.

Respectfully,

Charles A. Carithers

Intelligence Advanced Research Projects Activity  
Office of the Director of National Intelligence

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**From:** Akbar Shahid Ahmed (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 10, 2018 9:47 AM  
**To:** DNI-Media <[DNI-Media@dni.gov](mailto:DNI-Media@dni.gov)>  
**Subject:** HuffPost query: Khashoggi

Hi Charles,

Good to talk to you on the phone just now. Understand that you'll have no comment on the claims in last night's Post story on Jamal Khashoggi. Curious if there's anything you can share on the following:

Some former officials have been saying the IC has a responsibility under Directive 191 to warn potential victims of impending threats. Can you provide some clarity on the circumstances under which that applies? Is it only relevant to U.S. citizens and/or residents, and what degree of threat would rise to that level?

Is the IC currently involved in any U.S., Turkish and/or Saudi investigations into Khashoggi's case? In a hypothetical situation, how would agencies do so -- would the president personally make the request?

I'd appreciate if you could get back to me by noon EST.

Thanks for your time,

Akbar

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Akbar Shahid Ahmed  
Foreign Affairs Reporter

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Washington, D.C.

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**From:** (b)(3)  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 11, 2018 11:23 AM  
**To:** 'Shesgreen, Deirdre'  
**Cc:** DNI-Media  
**Subject:** RE: Questions re: Khashoggi

You're welcome Deirdre. Will do!

Respectfully,

Charles A. Carithers  
Media Relations  
Office of the Director of National Intelligence

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**From:** Shesgreen, Deirdre (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 11, 2018 11:04 AM  
**To:** (b)(3)@dni.gov>  
**Cc:** DNI-Media <DNI-Media@dni.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Questions re: Khashoggi

Thanks so much for the quick response. Please let me know if you have any updates.

**From:** (b)(3)@dni.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 11, 2018 10:54 AM  
**To:** Shesgreen, Deirdre (b) (6)  
**Cc:** DNI-Media <DNI-Media@dni.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Questions re: Khashoggi

Good morning Deirdre,

ODNI has no comment at this time.

Respectfully,

Charles A. Carithers  
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**From:** Brian P. Hale  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 11, 2018 9:58 AM  
**To:** DNI-Media <[DNI-Media@dni.gov](mailto:DNI-Media@dni.gov)>  
**Subject:** FW: Questions re: Khashoggi

**From:** Shesgreen, Deirdre (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 11, 2018 9:18 AM  
**To:** Brian P. Hale <(b)(3) @[dni.gov](mailto:dni.gov)>  
**Subject:** Questions re: Khashoggi

Hi Brian,

I'm covering the Jamal Khashoggi story. As you know, the Washington Post is reporting that 1) the U.S. intercepted intelligence of the Saudi's discussing a plan to capture Khashoggi and 2) that the crown prince, Mohammed bin Salman, ordered the operation to "lure" him back to Saudi Arabia for detention there.

I'm trying to confirm this. Could you please call or email me? My cell is (b) (6).

Thanks,  
Deirdre

Deirdre Shesgreen  
Foreign Affairs Reporter  
USA TODAY  
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@dshesgreen



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**From:** (b)(3)  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 11, 2018 12:34 PM  
**To:** 'Barnes, Julian'  
**Cc:** DNI-Media  
**Subject:** RE: Nyt

Julian,

Giving you a call now.

Respectfully,

Charles A. Carithers  
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Office of the Director of National Intelligence

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**From:** Barnes, Julian (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 11, 2018 12:30 PM  
**To:** DNI-Media <DNI-Media@dni.gov>  
**Subject:** Nyt

Team DNI

It was suggested to me that there might be some more information to discuss on the Khashoggi situation today. If that is the case—even if it is not—let us talk. (b) (6)  
Julian.

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Julian E. Barnes  
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**From:** (b)(3)  
**Sent:** Friday, October 12, 2018 9:24 AM  
**To:** Amanda J Schoch; DNI-Media  
**Subject:** Re: WaPo

Will do. I'll craft an appropriate response.

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**From:** "Amanda J Schoch" <(b)(3) @dni.gov>  
**Date:** Friday, October 12, 2018 at 9:07:44 AM  
**To:** "DNI-Media" <DNI-Media@dni.gov>  
**Subject:** Fwd: WaPo

Charles can you take.

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Date: Fri, Oct 12, 2018, 8:39 AM  
To: Amanda J Schoch <(b)(3) @dni.gov>  
Subject: WaPo

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Why wouldn't the US warn him?

**Amanda J Schoch**

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**From:** (b)(3)  
**Sent:** Friday, October 12, 2018 10:51 AM  
**To:** (b) (6)  
**Cc:** Amanda J Schoch; DNI-Media  
**Subject:** RE: WaPo

Good morning Jake,

No comment on this.

Respectfully,

Charles A. Carithers  
Media Relations  
Office of the Director of National Intelligence

(b)(3)  
(b)(3) (mobile)

**From:** Amanda J Schoch  
**Sent:** Friday, October 12, 2018 9:08 AM  
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**Subject:** Fwd: WaPo

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**From:** (b)(3)  
**Sent:** Friday, October 12, 2018 3:10 PM  
**To:** Ferran, Lee H.  
**Cc:** DNI-Media  
**Subject:** Re: ABC News Q re: Khashoggi

Hi Lee,

We have no comment on this.

Best,

Charles Carithers  
Media Relations  
ODNI  
(b)(3) (mobile)

**From:** "Ferran, Lee H." (b)(6)  
**Date:** Friday, October 12, 2018 at 1:45:14 PM  
**To:** "DNI-Media" <[DNI-Media@dni.gov](mailto:DNI-Media@dni.gov)>  
**Subject:** ABC News Q re: Khashoggi

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Thank you very much for any help. I'm available at (b)(6) (office) or (b)(6) (cell) if a phone call is easier.

Best,  
Lee

Lee Ferran  
National Security Reporter  
ABC News

## Amanda J Schoch

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**From:** [REDACTED] (b)(3)  
**Sent:** Friday, October 19, 2018 11:26 AM  
**To:** Brian P. Hale; DNI-Media; [REDACTED] (b)(3)  
**Subject:** RE: Query from the Daily Beast re Rep. Castro accusation re Khashoggi/MBS

Thanks Brian.

(b) (5)



Best,  
Kellie

**Kellie Wade**  
Media Relations Officer, *Strategic Communications*  
Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI)  
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**From:** Brian P. Hale  
**Sent:** Friday, October 19, 2018 10:52 AM  
**To:** DNI-Media <DNI-Media@dni.gov>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Query from the Daily Beast re Rep. Castro accusation re Khashoggi/MBS

**From:** "Ackerman, Spencer" (b)(6)  
**Date:** Friday, October 19, 2018 at 7:24:41 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED] (b)(3) "Brian P. Hale" <(b)(3) @dni.gov>  
**Subject:** Query from the Daily Beast re Rep. Castro accusation re Khashoggi/MBS

Hi Tim & Brian,

On CNN this morning, Rep. Joaquin Castro of HPSCI made an allegation about Jared Kushner that implicated US intelligence in the Khashoggi slaying. Castro said he had seen “reporting that Jared Kushner may have, **with U.S. intelligence**, delivered a hit list, an enemies list, to the crown prince, to MBS, in Saudi Arabia and that the prince may have acted on that, and one of the people he took action against is Mr. Khashoggi.”

For the record, did U.S. intelligence ever deliver, or aid in delivering “a hit list, an enemies list” to MBS or any other Saudi official?

Thanks,  
Spencer

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Spencer Ackerman  
Senior National Security Correspondent  
The Daily Beast

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**Amanda J Schoch**

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**From:** (b)(3)  
**Sent:** Friday, October 19, 2018 6:36 PM  
**To:** Barnes, Julian  
**Cc:** DNI-Media; (b)(3)  
**Subject:** Re: Saudi responsibility.

I'm sorry Julian, we don't have anything to offer on the matter at this time.

Best,  
Kellie

Kellie Wade  
Media Spokeswoman  
Office of the Director of National Intelligence  
(b)(3) (o) (b)(3) (m)

**From:** "Barnes, Julian" (b)(6)  
**Date:** Friday, October 19, 2018 at 6:28:43 PM  
**To:** (b)(3) @dni.gov>  
**Subject:** Saudi responsibility.

Will you guys have any reaction on or off record to Saudi decision to take responsibility for Khashoggi death and firing of the officials.

On Thu, Oct 18, 2018 at 5:14 PM (b)(3) @dni.gov> wrote:  
Sure, on my mobile. :)

Kellie Wade  
Media Spokeswoman  
Office of the Director of National Intelligence  
(b)(3) (o) (b)(3) (m)

**From:** "Barnes, Julian" (b)(6)  
**Date:** Thursday, October 18, 2018 at 4:37:54 PM  
**To:** (b)(3) @dni.gov>  
**Subject:** You reachable?

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The New York Times, national security  
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**From:** Hosenball, Mark J. (Reuters) (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 17, 2019 5:40 PM  
**To:** DNI-Media; (b)(3)  
**Subject:** Saudi dissidents

Welcome comment/guidance on this one. Tks. Believe I had heard something along these lines a while ago. mh

WASHINGTON — Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman of Saudi Arabia authorized a secret campaign to silence dissenters — which included the surveillance, kidnapping, detention and torture of Saudi citizens — more than a year before the killing of Jamal Khashoggi, according to American officials who have read classified intelligence reports about the campaign.

At least some of the clandestine missions were carried out by members of the same team that killed and dismembered Mr. Khashoggi in Istanbul in October, suggesting that his killing was a particularly egregious part of a wider campaign to silence Saudi dissidents, according to the officials and associates of some of the Saudi victims.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/03/17/world/middleeast/khashoggi-crown-prince-saudi.html>

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**From:** Cohen, Zachary (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Monday, March 11, 2019 4:36 PM  
**To:** (b)(3)  
**Subject:** Re: Checking in

Thanks for taking some time to chat Kellie. As we discussed, here is a question re Khashoggi.

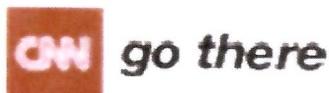
CNN has reported for months that while there is no smoking gun connecting Saudi Crown Prince MBS to the Khashoggi murder that the IC assessment indicates that the killing was likely carried out with his approval/knowledge. Has the IC's assessment related to the Saudi Crown Prince's role in the murder changed or evolved since CIA director Gina Haspel briefed lawmakers several months ago and are intel officials still evaluating information related to the killing?

Separately, I was wondering if you might be able to pass along the following question related to reporting about the President's ties to a Chinese-born massage parlor founder.

Is the IC currently assessing or aware of allegations that this massage parlor founder helped Chinese business executives attempt to buy access to the President or his campaign? Broadly speaking, what is the IC counter-intel assessment regarding China attempted to use Chinese nationals and businesses leaders to influence US politics?

<https://www.rawstory.com/2019/03/major-red-flags-national-security-expert-stunned-revelations-chinese-businessmen-trump-fundraiser/>

Zachary Cohen  
Reporter, National Security  
(b) (6) (desk)  
(b) (6) (cell)  
@ZcohenCNN



**From:** (b)(3) @dni.gov>  
**Date:** Monday, March 11, 2019 at 4:06 PM  
**To:** "Cohen, Zachary" (b) (6)  
**Subject:** RE: Checking in

Sure, im at my desk for a little longer if you want to give me a ring.

Kellie Wade  
Media Spokesperson  
Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI)  
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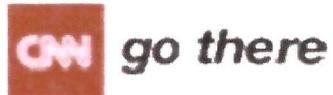
**From:** Cohen, Zachary (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Monday, March 11, 2019 1:12 PM

To: (b)(3) @dni.gov>  
Subject: Checking in

Hey Kellie,

Hope all is well. Would be great to catch up if you have a few minutes for a call this afternoon. Thanks

Zachary Cohen  
Reporter, National Security  
(b) (6) (desk)  
(b) (6) (cell)  
@ZcohenCNN



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**From:** (b)(3)  
**Sent:** Monday, November 19, 2018 11:28 AM  
**To:** 'Herridge, Catherine'  
**Subject:** RE: Khashoggi report

(b)(3)

**Kellie Wade**  
Media Relations Officer, *Strategic Communications*  
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**From:** Herridge, Catherine (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Monday, November 19, 2018 11:00 AM  
**To:** (b)(3) @dni.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Khashoggi report

On conference call  
Suggest best number  
Off shortly

**From:** (b)(3) [mailto:(b)(3) @dni.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 19, 2018 10:59 AM  
**To:** Herridge, Catherine (b) (6)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] RE: Khashoggi report

Call me

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**From:** Herridge, Catherine (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Monday, November 19, 2018 10:48 AM  
**To:** (b)(3); (b)(3) @dni.gov>  
**Subject:** Khashoggi report

Good morning  
For our planning, if a report is released would it come through either of your offices? Or anticipate State or White House?  
Thx  
Catherine  
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**From:** (b)(3)  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 18, 2018 10:06 AM  
**To:** 'Hosenball, Mark J. (Reuters)'  
**Cc:** DNI-Media; (b)(3)  
**Subject:** RE: Who done it ?

Hey Mark,

Always good to hear from you. Unfortunately, I just don't have any guidance on your inquiry. ODNI politely declines comment at this time!

Best,  
Kellie

**Kellie Wade**  
Media Relations Officer, *Strategic Communications*  
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**From:** Hosenball, Mark J. (Reuters) (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 18, 2018 8:33 AM  
**To:** (b)(3) @dni.gov>  
**Subject:** Who done it ?

This story seems pretty much on target to me...unless it's overstated. Thoughts welcome. Tks etc mh

U.S. Spy Agencies Are Increasingly Convinced of Saudi Prince's Ties to Journalist's Disappearance

American intelligence officials have growing circumstantial evidence of Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman's involvement in Jamal Khashoggi's disappearance in Istanbul.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/10/17/world/middleeast/pompeo-khashoggi-murder.html>

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## Michael G Birmingham

**From:** Brian P. Hale  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 03, 2018 12:42 PM  
**To:** Michael G Birmingham  
**Subject:** FW: Jamal Kashoggi

Two things...one I have met Jamal a couple of times, two....help!!! 😊

**From:** Hosenball, Mark J. (Reuters) (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 03, 2018 12:40 PM  
**To:** (b)(3) @dni.gov>; DNI-Media <DNI-Media@dni.gov>  
**Subject:** Jamal Kashoggi

Any idea what's going on here ? Thoughts welcome. Tks mh

UPDATE 4-Turkish, Saudi officials diverge on whereabouts of prominent Saudi journalist

- Khashoggi moved to U.S. last year fearing punishment for views
- Fiancée says has not seen him for nearly 24 hours
- Saudi crown prince has cracked down on critics of his policies

(Adds comments from Turkish and Saudi officials, fiancee, UN)

By Sarah Dadouch, Orhan Coskun and Yara Bayoumy

ISTANBUL/WASHINGTON, Oct 3 (Reuters) - Turkish and Saudi authorities gave conflicting accounts on Wednesday about the whereabouts of Saudi commentator Jamal Khashoggi, who moved to Washington last year fearing retribution for his views and has not been seen nearly 30 hours after entering the Saudi consulate in Istanbul.

Khashoggi's Turkish fiancée as well as a close friend contacted by Reuters said he had disappeared after entering the diplomatic mission on Tuesday to secure documentation of his divorce so that he could remarry. The fiancée, who asked not to be named, said she had waited outside the consulate from 1 p.m local time (1000 GMT) and called the police when he had not reappeared.

Turkish presidential spokesman Ibrahim Kalin said Khashoggi was still in the consulate and the government was monitoring the situation.

"Our relevant authorities are in contact and engaged in negotiations with their (Saudi) counterparts. I hope this issue will be resolved with ease," he told reporters.

But a Saudi official denied that Khashoggi was in the consulate.

"Mr. Khashoggi visited the consulate to request paperwork related to his marital status and exited shortly thereafter," the official said. "He is not in the consulate nor in Saudi custody."

His fiancée, who returned to the consulate on Wednesday after waiting for 12 hours the day before, repudiated that claim.

"If this was true, where is he? Where is he? If he went home, no, I went to the house and didn't find him. Where is Jamal?" she told Reuters.

Turkey has had strained relations with Saudi Arabia and other Gulf Arab states since June 2017, when Ankara stood by Qatar in a regional row. Arab states cut trade and diplomatic ties with Qatar over alleged links to terrorism, which Doha denies.

Turkey has also worked with Iran, Saudi Arabia's arch-rival in the Middle East, to try to reduce fighting in northern Syria, and Iranian and Turkish military chiefs exchanged visits last year.

When asked whether the U.S. State Department has sought information from the Saudis and the Turks, an official in Washington said on Tuesday, "We have seen these reports and are seeking more information at this time."

## FAMILIAR FACE

Khashoggi, a familiar face on political talk shows on Arab satellite television networks for years, has lived in self-exile in Washington, D.C. for more than a year after he said the authorities had instructed him to stop tweeting.

As a journalist, he interviewed Al Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden several times in Afghanistan and Sudan, and served twice as editor of Al Watan newspaper.

He advised Prince Turki al-Faisal, former Saudi intelligence chief and ambassador to the United States and Britain, and has also been close to billionaire investor Prince Alwaleed bin Talal.

Over the past year, Khashoggi has written regular columns in the Washington Post criticising Saudi Arabia's policies towards Qatar and Canada, the war in Yemen, and a crackdown on dissent and the media and activists which has seen dozens of activists, intellectuals and clerics detained.

"I have left my home, my family and my job, and I am raising my voice," he wrote in September 2017. "To do otherwise would betray those who languish in prison. I can speak when so many cannot."

Ali Shihabi, head of the Arabia Foundation in Washington which regularly supports Saudi policy, expressed concern on Twitter about the reports.

"Jamal and I have not seen eye to eye on many issues but having him go missing like this is awful," he said.

Mohamad Soltan, an Egyptian-American activist who sees Khashoggi regularly in Washington, told Reuters that Khashoggi was in the United States on an O-visa, a temporary residency visa awarded to foreigners "who possess extraordinary ability" in the sciences, arts, education, and other fields and are recognised internationally, and had applied for permanent residency status.

All public protests are banned in Saudi Arabia, as are political parties. Labour unions are illegal, the media are controlled and criticism of the royal family can lead to prison.

Dozens of activists, clerics and intellectuals have been arrested in the past year in a crackdown on potential opponents of the kingdom's absolute rulers. Among them was economist Essam al-Zamil, a friend of Khashoggi's, who was charged this week with joining a terrorist organisation, meeting with foreign diplomats and inciting protests. [nL8N1WH52M]

Scores of businessmen were detained last November in Riyadh's Ritz-Carlton hotel in a separate campaign against corruption, unnerving some foreign investors. Most were released after reaching financial settlements with the authorities.

(Additional reporting by Ezgi Erkoyun and Ali Kucukgocmen in Istanbul, Aziz El Yaakoubi in Riyadh, Stephen Kalin in Dubai, Jonathan Landay, Lesley Wroughton in Washington, and Michelle Nichols in New York, Editing by Toni Reinhold and Darren Schuettler, Michael Georgy, William Maclean)

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**Michael G Birmingham**

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**From:** (b)(3)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 10, 2018 7:05 AM  
**To:** Hosenball, Mark J. (Reuters)  
**Cc:** (b)(3) DNI-Media  
**Subject:** Re: Kashoggi

Hi Mark,

ODNI does not have anything to offer on this. Of note, Kellie is out of the office this week.

Best,

Charles Carithers  
Media Relations  
ODNI  
(b)(3) (mobile)

**From:** "Hosenball, Mark J. (Reuters)" (b) (6)  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 9, 2018 at 9:51:20 PM  
**To:** (b)(3) (@dni.gov), "DNI-Media" <DNI-Media@dni.gov>  
**Subject:** Kashoggi

Is this Post reporting accurate ? Guidance welcome. Tks mh

//Before Khashoggi's disappearance, U.S. intelligence intercepted communications of Saudi officials discussing a plan to capture him, according to a person familiar with the information. The Saudis wanted to lure Khashoggi back to Saudi Arabia and lay hands on him there, this person said. It was not clear whether the Saudis intended to arrest and interrogate Khashoggi or to kill him, or if the U.S. warned Khashoggi that he was a target, this person said.//

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**From:** Andrzejczak Gazis, Olivia (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 10, 2018 1:09 PM  
**To:** (b)(3)  
**Cc:** (b)(3) DNI-Media  
**Subject:** RE: CBS request

Thanks for the note and for taking the call, Charles. I'll stay in touch.

All best,  
Olivia

**From:** (b)(3) @dni.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 10, 2018 1:04 PM  
**To:** Andrzejczak Gazis, Olivia (b) (6)  
**Cc:** (b)(3) @dni.gov>; DNI-Media <DNI-Media@dni.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: CBS request

Hi Olivia,

I just gave you a call. We do not have anything to offer on this.

Respectfully,

Charles A. Carithers  
Media Relations  
Office of the Director of National Intelligence

(b)(3)  
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**From:** (b)(3)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 10, 2018 1:01 PM  
**To:** 'Andrzejczak Gazis, Olivia' (b) (6)  
**Cc:** (b)(3) @dni.gov>; DNI-Media <DNI-Media@dni.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: CBS request

Hi Olivia,

Giving you a buzz.

Respectfully,

Charles A. Carithers  
Media Relations  
Office of the Director of National Intelligence

(b)(3) [REDACTED]  
(b)(3) [REDACTED] (mobile)

**From:** Andrzejczak Gazis, Olivia [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 10, 2018 12:48 PM  
**To:** DNI-Media <[DNI-Media@dni.gov](mailto:DNI-Media@dni.gov)>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] (b) (3) [REDACTED] @dni.gov  
**Subject:** CBS request

Hello,

Following up on a previous request - CBS is looking for guidance on reports U.S. intelligence intercepted Saudi officials' communications related to a plan to capture Khashoggi.

Would appreciate a call back, please, at [REDACTED] (b) (6)

Many thanks,  
Olivia

Olivia Gazis  
CBS News  
c. [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
c. [REDACTED] (b) (6)

## Michael G Birmingham

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**From:** (b)(3)  
**Sent:** Friday, October 12, 2018 3:10 PM  
**To:** Ferran, Lee H.  
**Cc:** DNI-Media  
**Subject:** Re: ABC News Q re: Khashoggi

Hi Lee,

We have no comment on this.

Best,

Charles Carithers  
Media Relations  
ODNI  
(b)(3) (mobile)

**From:** "Ferran, Lee H." (b)(6)  
**Date:** Friday, October 12, 2018 at 1:45:14 PM  
**To:** "DNI-Media" <[DNI-Media@dni.gov](mailto:DNI-Media@dni.gov)>  
**Subject:** ABC News Q re: Khashoggi

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Thank you very much for any help. I'm available at (b) (6) (office) or (b) (6) (cell) if a phone call is easier.

Best,  
Lee

Lee Ferran  
National Security Reporter  
ABC News

## Michael G Birmingham

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**From:** Andrzejczak Gazis, Olivia (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Monday, October 15, 2018 11:10 AM  
**To:** (b)(3)  
**Cc:** DNI-Media  
**Subject:** RE: CBS request

Thank you for this and for taking my call! Will stay in touch.

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(3) @dni.gov>  
Sent: Monday, October 15, 2018 10:55 AM  
To: Andrzejczak Gazis, Olivia (b) (6)  
Cc: DNI-Media <DNI-Media@dni.gov>  
Subject: RE: CBS request

Hi Olivia,

Great to hear from you! Unfortunately we don't have any guidance to offer on this matter. Appreciate you reaching out.

Best,  
Kellie

Kellie Wade  
Media Relations Officer, Strategic Communications Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI)  
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From: Andrzejczak Gazis, Olivia (b) (6)  
Sent: Monday, October 15, 2018 10:27 AM  
To: (b)(3) @dni.gov>  
Cc: DNI-Media <DNI-Media@dni.gov>  
Subject: CBS request

Hi hello.

Does ODNI have any guidance on the President's suggestion that "rogue killers" may have been involved in the disappearance of Jamal Khashoggi?

Thank you,  
Olivia

## Michael G Birmingham

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**From:** Katrina Manson (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Monday, October 15, 2018 3:30 PM  
**To:** (b)(3) DNI-Media  
**Subject:** urgent FT q re Saudi report on Khashoggi

Greetings,

Can you comment on reports that Saudi Arabia is preparing a report saying that Khashoggi's purported death was the result of an interrogation gone wrong and that the people involved will be held responsible? And that the report will likely conclude the operation was carried out without clearance from the top?

Many thanks,

Katrina

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Katrina Manson

US Foreign Policy and Defense Correspondent Washington DC Financial Times

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**From:** (b)(3)  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 20, 2018 9:37 AM  
**To:** Hosenball, Mark J. (Reuters)  
**Subject:** Re: Wash Post

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Kellie

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**From:** "Hosenball, Mark J. (Reuters)" (b)(6)  
**Date:** Saturday, October 20, 2018 at 9:30:10 AM  
**To:** (b)(3) (@dni.gov), "DNI-Media" <DNI-Media@dni.gov>  
**Subject:** Wash Post

Is this accurate? Tks mh

CIA officials have listened to an audio recording that Turkish officials say proves the journalist was killed and dismembered by a team of Saudi agents inside the consulate, according to people familiar with the matter."

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**Michael G Birmingham**

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**From:** (b)(3)  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 20, 2018 9:36 AM  
**To:** Landay, Jonathan S. (Reuters)  
**Subject:** Re: Can you help?

I'm sorry Jonathan, I got nothing.

Best,

Kellie

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**From:** "Landay, Jonathan S. (Reuters)" (b)(6)  
**Date:** Saturday, October 20, 2018 at 9:02:35 AM  
**To:** (b)(3) @dni.gov>  
**Subject:** Can you help?

This from Wa Post. Can you confirm? Thx J

CIA officials have listened to an audio recording that Turkish officials say proves the journalist was killed and dismembered by a team of Saudi agents inside the consulate, according to people familiar with the matter."

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**From:** (b)(3)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 07, 2018 3:21 PM  
**To:** (b)(3) |(b)(3)|(b)(3)  
**Cc:** DNI-Media  
**Subject:** RE: \*Flag---NYTimes story -- DNI Coats --FW: Question on Congressional briefing?

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**From:** (b)(3)  
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**To:** (b)(3) @dni.gov>; (b)(3) @dni.gov>; (b)(3) @dni.gov>  
**Cc:** DNI-Media <DNI-Media@dni.gov>  
**Subject:** \*Flag---NYTimes story -- DNI Coats --FW: Question on Congressional briefing?

Folks—

Heads up that Julian Barnes from the NYTimes is snooping around again, this time he's putting pen to pad on a story tonight about the Khashoggi investigation and asking questions about whether or not DNI Coats or PDDNI Gordon will be part of the briefing to the gang of 8. We have time to engage if you think it's worth us putting together a statement. Please advise.

Best,  
Kellie

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**Sent:** Wednesday, November 07, 2018 2:14 PM  
**To:** DNI-Media <DNI-Media@dni.gov>  
**Subject:** Question on Congressional briefing?

Hello media team,

Congressional officials have said the Gang of 8 is expected to be briefed by the IC on or after Nov 13 about the Khashoggi investigation and the CIA director's trip to Turkey last month.

My question for the ODNI:

Will this briefing for the Gang of 8 be by Directore Coats or Deputy Gordon or a lower level representative? Or, alternatively, because this focuses on DCIA Haspel's trip will the ODNI not be represented.

Julian

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**Amanda J Schoch**

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**From:** Hosenball, Mark J. (Reuters) (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Friday, November 16, 2018 6:34 PM  
**To:** DNI-Media; (b)(3) Amanda J Schoch  
**Subject:** Fwd: GRAPHIC IMAGES: leaked photos of alleged Khashoggi dismemberment

**Subject:** GRAPHIC IMAGES

Eds want me to inquire if you think these nasty Kashoggi photos leaked by Turkey are legitimate? There have been bogus photos circulated before.

<https://al-sura.com/breaking-turkey-leaks-photos-of-jamal-khashoggis-dismemberment-by-saudi-authorities/>

Big tks mh

**Amanda J Schoch**

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**From:** Hosenball, Mark J. (Reuters) (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2018 5:03 PM  
**To:** DNI-Media; (b)(3)  
**Subject:** roar or meow ?

Tiger squad ? Is this even partly real or total nonsense ? thoughts welcome. Tks etc mh

<https://www.middleeasteye.net/tiger-squad-saudi-hitmen-khashoggi-mbs>